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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: NorRail (1998A-2)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a), are six (6) copies of a Memorandum of Lease Agreement (1998A-2), dated as of December 22, 1998, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents; and six (6) copies of each of the following secondary documents related thereto: a Memorandum Lease Supplement (1998A-2) No. 1, dated December 23, 1998, Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (1998A-2), dated as of December 22, 1998, Indenture Supplement (1998A-2) No. 1, dated December 23, 1998 and Lease Assignment (1998A-2), dated as of December 22, 1998.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are:

Lease Agreement
Lease Supplement No. 1

Owner Trustee/Lessor: First Omni Bank, National Association
499 Mitchell Street
Millsboro, Delaware 19966

Lessee: NorRail, Inc.
308 12th Avenue South
Buffalo, Minnesota 55313

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Indenture and Security Agreement
Indenture Supplement No. 1
and Lease Assignment

Owner Trustee/ First Omni Bank, National Association
Assignor: 499 Mitchell Street
 Millsboro, Delaware 19966

Indenture Trustee/ Wilmington Trust Company
Assignee Rodney Square North
 1100 North Market Street
 Wilmington, Delaware 19890

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed documents is:

one hundred and seventy (170) boxcars bearing ATW reporting marks
and road numbers 120001 through 120170, inclusive

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$130.00 payable to the order of the
Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return one stamped copy of the enclosed documents to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Alvord

RWA/bg
Enclosures

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20423-0001

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Date: 12/23/98

Robert W. Alvord
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918 Sixteenth St., NW., Ste. 200
Washington, DC., 20006-2973

Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 11301

and 49 CFR 1177.3(c), on 12/23/98 at 12:50 PM , and

assigned recordation number(s). 21896, 21896-A, 21896-B, 21896-C, 21896-D,
21897, 21897-A, 21897-B, 21897-C and 21897-D.

Sincerely Yours,

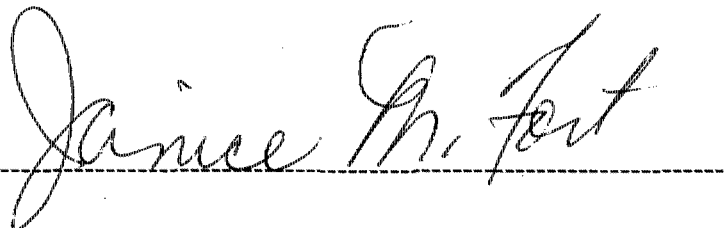

Vernon A. Williams

Enclosure(s)(10)

260.00

\$_____ The amount indicated at the left has been received in payment of a fee in connection with a document filed on the date shown. This receipt is issued for the amount paid. In the event of an error or any questions concerning this fee, you will receive a notification after the Surface Transportation Board has an opportunity to examine your document.

Signature



MEMORANDUM OF LEASE (1998A-2)

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MEMORANDUM OF LEASE (1998A-2), made and entered into as of December 22, 1998 by and between FIRST OMNI BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee under the Trust Agreement (1998A-2) dated as of December 22, 1998, as Lessor (the "Lessor") and NORRAIL, INC., a Minnesota corporation, as Lessee (the "Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into the certain Lease Agreement (1998A-2), dated as of December 22, 1998 (the "Lease"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to the Lessee and the Lessee has agreed to lease from the Lessor certain railroad rolling stock bearing road numbers as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, subject to the term defined in said Lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

FIRST OMNI BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, not in its individual
capacity but solely as Owner Trustee under
the Trust Agreement (1998A-2) dated as of
December 22, 1998.

By: Robert D. Brown
Name: Robert D. Brown
Title: Vice President

NORRAIL, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF)
) SS.: MARYLAND
CITY OF) BALTIMORE

On this, the 21st day of December, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said City and State, personally appeared Robert S. Brown, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of FIRST OMNI BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee under the Trust Agreement (1998A-2) dated as of December 22, 1998, that said instrument was signed on December 21, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation, as Owner Trustee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Deborah K. Bailey

Name: Deborah K. Bailey

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4/13/2002

Residing in Baltimore City

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WITNESSETH:


The undersigned have entered into the certain Lease Agreement (1998A-2), dated as of December 22, 1998 (the "Lease"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to the Lessee and the Lessee has agreed to lease from the Lessor certain railroad rolling stock bearing road numbers as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, subject to the term defined in said Lease.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

FIRST OMNI BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, not in its individual
capacity but solely as Owner Trustee under
the Trust Agreement (1998A-2) dated as of
December 22, 1998.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

NORRAIL, INC.

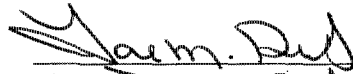
By: 
Name: George W. Calver
Title: President

By: 
Name: Andrew Baranowsky
Title: Treasurer

STATE OF)
Vermont) SS.:
COUNTY OF)
Chittenden)

On this, the 21 day of December 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared George W. Colver, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the President of NORRAIL, INC., that said instrument was signed on December 21 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.


Name: T. M. DeGray
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 2-10-99
Residing in East Middlebury

STATE OF)
Vermont) SS.:
COUNTY OF)
Chittenden)

On this, the 21 day of December 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Andrew Baranovsky who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Treasurer of NORRAIL, INC., that said instrument was signed on December 21 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

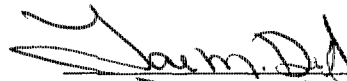

Name: T. M. DeGray
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 2-10-99
Residing in East Middlebury

EXHIBIT A

Equipment	Quantity	Road Numbers
60' (286,000 lb.) Plate E-104 Ton Boxcars manufactured in 1998 by Gunderson	170	ATW 120001 through ATW 120170, inclusive